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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of
Vonderwalde et al.

) Examiner: U. T. Ho

) For: **STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS**

) Group Art Unit: 3731

) Serial No.: 09/522,336

) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 20, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as indicated below. **Please note the Change of Address**
filed concurrently herewith.